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The Norman Veterans Committee is announcing the first Veterans' Day Parade in Norman since 1944. On Friday, November 11, a parade honoring all those who have served in the military at any time will kick off at the corner of Eufaula Street and James Garner Boulevard just west of the Norman Depot. Parade entries will start gathering at 8:00 a.m. in the vicinity of Eufaula and James Garner. The Parade will start at 8:45 a.m. and will proceed down James Garner and Jenkins Streets to Reaves Park, where a program will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Cleveland County Veterans Memorial. There will be a fly-over of military aircraft at 11:00, and 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. District Congressman Tom Cole will be the keynote speaker.

Maj. Gen Myles Deering, the Adjutant General of the State of Oklahoma will be the Parade Marshall. Among the units that will be in the parade are the OU Pep Band; the combined bands of Norman High School and Norman North High School; the Canadian River Cruisers, an antique car club; the Patriot Riders; the Norman Veterans Center; the Blue Star Mothers, whose children are currently serving overseas; the American Legion; and many other units. There will also be military vehicles in the parade; there will be some vehicles currently used by the military, and some vehicles dating to WW II.

There will be active duty color guards at the staging area representing each of the major services, and we are asking all veterans who want to march the 2 miles to Reaves Park for the Ceremony to assemble behind their colors. If any veteran wants to participate but cannot march the 2 miles, please contact the organizers and we will arrange for a ride in an antique car to Reaves Park.

Information can be obtained by calling the Norman Parks and Recreation office at 366-5472 or by e-mail at [jud.foster@normanok.gov](mailto:jud.foster@normanok.gov).

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